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UNO not part of coalition to build

By Tim Rohwer

UNO Chancellor Del Weber termed as "premature" a recent story in the *Omaha World-Herald* concerning UNO's participation with other community groups in building a sports arena at Ak-Sar-Ben.

He also said he could not commit UNO in helping build a large arena.

According to the story in the Nov. 27 *Omaha World-Herald*, Douglas County Commissioner Steve Rosenblatt will ask the city of Omaha to join a coalition of community groups, including UNO, to share in the estimated \$40 million cost for the arena.

Douglas County Commissioner Steve McCollister was quoted in the story as saying, "UNO is very much in on that. The tie is that the cigarette tax revenue (collected by the state) flows through the university. Our anticipation is that UNO is next. It's Omaha's turn."

McCollister was apparently referring to the fact that cigarette taxes built the Bob Devaney Sports Center on the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) campus, as well as another facility on the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) campus.

McCollister was also quoted in the story as saying, "UNO and the county will go hand in hand" to the Nebraska Legislature to ask for the cigarette tax appropriation.

Weber said he has talked with McCollister concerning Ak-Sar-Ben for such uses as recreation, dormitories and parking. He said McCollister brought up the idea of a sports arena.

"A 16,000 seat arena wouldn't fit our needs. I just couldn't commit UNO to the arena," he said.

"I just couldn't see our basketball players playing when it's only a fourth or fifth full."

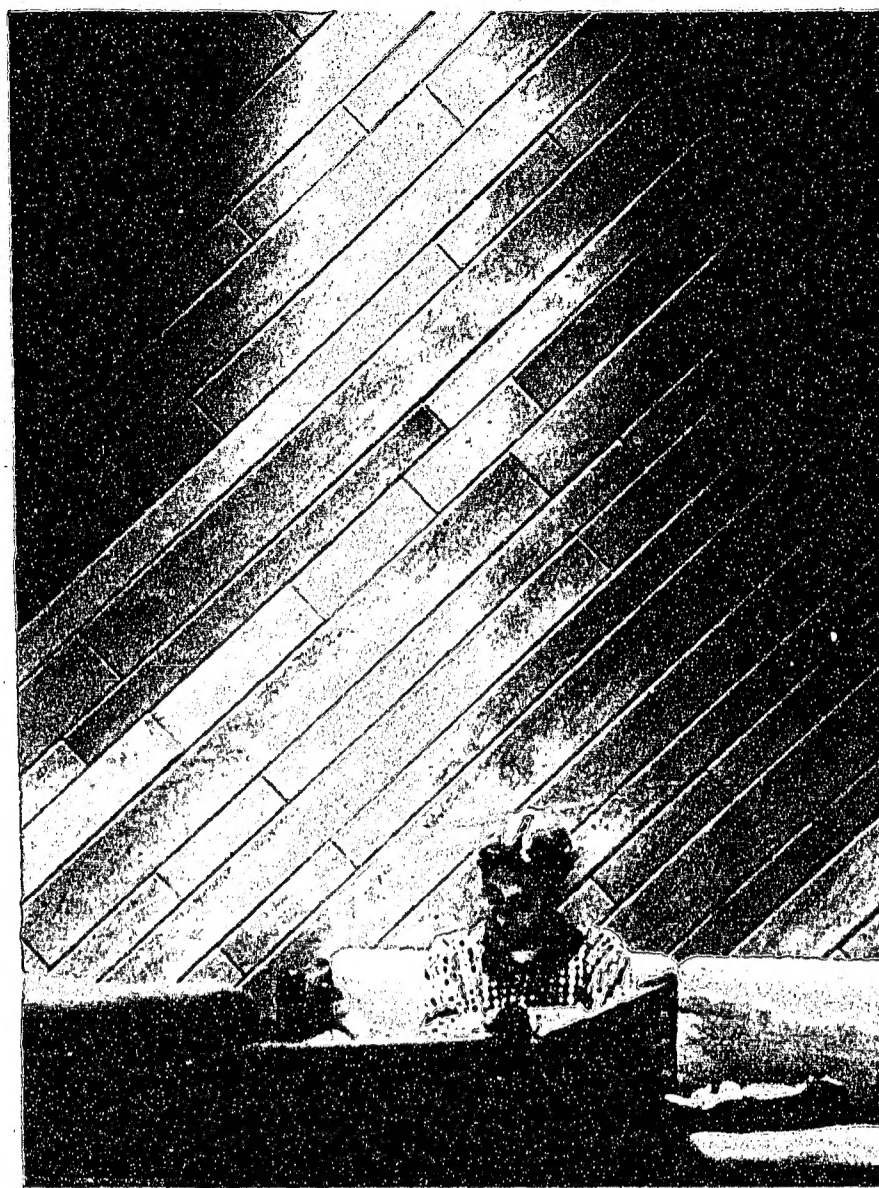
Weber did say he may be interested if the arena seated around 6,000.

He said he did not know where the money would come from for the proposed arena, but doesn't believe it would come from cigarette taxes.

"I think cigarette taxes for arenas have run their course," Weber said.

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—Eric Francis

Alone at Last

Sophomore Christopher James spends some of his free time studying at the Student Center after Thanksgiving break.

Impeachment proceedings voted down

Student senate votes in Graves' favor again

By Tim Rohwer

For the second time in as many weeks, UNO's student senate voted against beginning impeachment proceedings against Sen. Todd Graves.

The issue arose from a grievance lodged against Graves claiming he gave money to voters before the Student Government elections in late October.

The vote was 14 to 8 in favor of Graves.

Despite the vote in Graves' favor, Sen. Angela Eikenberry told the senator, "Your credibility is gone."

Graves responded by saying he would be more than willing to take his case to the UNO Student Court, which has the authority to impeach senators.

The senate also voted against former senator Mary Reynolds in her bid to take the College of Arts and Sciences seat vacated by Stephen Srb.

The vote was 16 to 7 against Reynolds.

During the discussion preceding the vote, Sen. Ron Hyde said he had differences with Reynolds in the past and suggested someone new should take Srb's seat.

"It's time to pass the torch. We do have

other qualified applicants. We have to chart our own course," he said. "She gave me holy hell (last year)."

Reynolds was unavailable for comment.

Hyde also said he was upset because Reynolds had already been given a mail slot in the Student Government office before the vote.

"It's a little pretentious on her part to have a mail slot in our office," Hyde said.

Matt Schultz, chief administrative officer for Student Government and the person who selected Reynolds from three applicants, defended her qualifications and said, "A little

experience doesn't hurt."

Schultz apologized about Reynolds' mail slot, saying it was a mistake on his part. He said it would be taken down.

Schultz also announced the results of the survey asking whether or not students were in favor of paying the directors of the student agencies.

The results were 266 in favor and 219 against.

In an earlier meeting, the senate voted to take the survey results to UNO legal authorities to see whether the referendum's wording could be changed for future elections.



Mike Farquhar

—Eric Francis

Newly-elected student president/regent

Focus on Mike Farquhar

By Tim Rohwer

Like most other little boys, Mike Farquhar had a love of firemen and baseball cards.

Despite the fact he is a senior majoring in small business management, as well as UNO's newly-elected student president/regent, he maintains those childhood interests.

"I'd like to be a volunteer fireman someday. I've always enjoyed helping people, and I think that would be a great way of helping people," Farquhar said.

He also has his own business, Triple M, that sells sports cards. "I started my business in the ninth grade at Omaha Central High School. I sell everything that's legal that I can make a profit. The last two months have been pretty bad because of my time

running for the student president," Farquhar said.

He also works for Tuva Enterprises, which deals in sports memorabilia.

"This is an area that has boomed in the last 10 years."

Sports have always been big interests for him, Farquhar said.

"Very much so, certainly football and baseball. My favorite teams are the Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Steelers, mostly because they were on TV all the time," he said.

Farquhar said he had to work Friday during the Nebraska-Oklahoma football game, although that didn't stop him from watching the game on TV.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Turner's solution to parking problem won't work either

Dear Editor:

As a senior I have experienced our parking situation for four years. With that, I would like to share my views in regard to Kim Turner's interview in the Nov. 22 *Gateway*.

I will address her comments in order:

1. Stop selling unlimited parking permits.

This is ridiculous. If this were the case, how would students be chosen to receive their permits? What formula would be used? Would it be based on seniority, age, wealth of parents? How about a lottery?

If only a limited amount of permits were sold and Turner did not receive hers, then what? She would have to park at Ak-Sar-Ben anyway.

2. Reducing parking fines.

This is an invitation to park illegally. If students were to consider affordable fines as an alternative to purchasing a permit, then the grassy areas around campus would become parking fines and double parking would fill aisles between lot rows.

With towing a rarity at UNO, there would be no deterrent to this type of action by students.

3. Open faculty lots to students.

This is another bad idea. The faculty lots are already filled. It is not a good idea to force our faculty and staff, who pay more

for permits, to park at Ak-Sar-Ben like students.

4. Filing a class action suit against the university.

This is the "best" solution — raise our tuition even higher, Ms. Turner.

Most students at UNO work to pay for their education. I don't know about you, but with every tuition increase I have to work additional hours to pay for it.

Filing a class action suit against our fine university will only hurt all students in the long run.

The parking at UNO will always be a challenge. If Turner wished to fight for something, fight for a new parking garage on the south end of campus.

Pay your fines like everyone else does. I recommend you come to school a little earlier to find a spot, like the rest of us.

Brian Carlson
UNO Student

Death of rock star brings back memories for student

So another musician has died of AIDS. Big deal, huh?

Well, yes, for me it is a big deal. Nobody personified my adolescence more completely or more accurately than Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of Queen.

While it is a trite cliché, a part of me has died with him.

In the loneliest days of my life, Freddie Mercury gave me

"Somebody to Love." He brought me "News of the World." He took me to "A Night at the Opera" and "A Day at the Races." He was a "Good Old-fashioned Lover-boy," and he helped me to see that my own confusion was not such a horrible thing.

People before me have felt what I feel now. When John Lennon died. When Elvis Presley died. And most of you will someday feel this indescribable, distant and yet very personal sense of loss when a prominent figure from your adolescence departs this veil of tears leaving behind this emptiness in your life that they had filled for so many years.

Stephen Srb
UNO Student

Editor's Note

Since there are only three issues of the *Gateway* before classes are out here are some reminders:

• Friday's issue of the *Gateway* will be our special holiday issue and we will not have a section for letters to the editor. However, you are encouraged to write letters to be published on Dec. 10.

• Deadline for letters to the editor for the Dec. 10 issue is Dec. 8.

• Deadline for letters to the editor for the Dec. 13 issue is Dec. 11.

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Conservatism on the decline

In the *Gateway's* "Another View" on Nov. 19, Rich Rezek, feeling the urge to voice his frustration against my logical arguments, said, "Dead women bite not." What does he mean? I'll let the readers decide if this is a threat against women, in the form of a quote about the 1587 beheading of an outspoken queen, or just Rezek's twisted attempt at humor.

The conserva-tyrant gentlemen of the "Dead Women Bite Not" Society are an interesting brat pack. But they must decide — am I "liberally dribbling" or "liberalistically driveling," and why didn't they get together and write one letter?

I would like to thank them for their counter opinions. They keep my head on straight (pardon the pun).

They help me learn to deal with trite, personal insults, and they keep the people concerned with the *Gateway's* readership happy.

I've already taken their political science courses. It's obvious I learned more than they did or they must have used an ancient textbook.

Here's a course or two for them: Mass Communication and Public Opinion, where they will learn the liberal American press is a myth as researched by David H. Weaver and G. Cleveland Wilhoit in their book, "The American Journalist."

Or, how about a basic feminist or social problems course so



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they can understand why the world will not tolerate their white, patriarchal society forever?

How about Life as a Single Welfare Mother or Minority 1000? Stop looking, guys, it's not in the undergraduate catalog.

But most importantly, it's high time they stop asking me to understand. The hour has arrived when these dear gentlemen, with their dominant and violent tone of voice, UNDERSTAND THIS:

1) One in four college women is a victim of rape or attempted rape on campus and most often by someone known to the victim. "Regular" or "violent" rapes (by strangers) occur every six minutes in America, while according to FBI estimates only one of 10 rapes is ever reported (National Center of Women and Family Law, Aug. 1989).

In Omaha, on Nov. 19, a 13-year-old girl was raped and beaten. According to the *Omaha World-Herald*, a man who didn't want to be identified was able to say where the girl was dragged and where she was raped. Did he watch? In the same story, another man is quoted, "That really is appalling that something like that would happen that early in the morning." I know many of you will feel I'm really stretching here, but does that mean that rape is not as appalling when it happens late at night as opposed to early in the morning?

Conserva-tyrants — send these guys a membership form to the "Dead Women Bite Not" Society.

2) Because of high mucky-muck conserva-tyrants Ronald Reagan and George Bush, women no longer have a constitutional right of reproductive freedom and poor women can't even hear the "A" word in federally funded clinics. The attempt by the House of Representatives to override Bush's veto on the "gag rule" failed by only 12 votes. This proves the tyranny that exists against poor people, many who are single mothers and minorities whose only access to medical help is through these clinics.

3) FBI statistics indicate 50 percent of female homicide victims are killed by their husbands or boyfriends. Translation: Every day in this country, four women are killed by these batterers (National Woman Abuse Prevention Project report).

A new domestic violence study conducted in Milwaukee shows that 75 percent of unemployed men released from jail will go back and assault again and 50 percent of employed men will be repeat offenders. I hope my executioner has a job. It will improve my chances of escaping a second assault by 25 percent.

But I won't have to worry about conserva-tyranny too much longer. A recent Harris public opinion poll revealed the political pendulum is starting to swing back to the middle, instead of hanging in limbo at the far right. It won't be long before it starts its swing to the left.

By then, organizations like the Rush Limbaugh Fan Club and the "Dead Women Bite Not" Society will have been dismembered. However, we will still have the problem of those young, right-wing justices on the U.S. Supreme Court.

On that note, I relieve you of my own tyrannical driveling. With only one column left to write, I promise I will devote it to my car, or cat, or horse, or something that is proper for a woman to discuss. Unless, of course, I am otherwise provoked.

End of semester 'round the corner

Now is the time to panic.

Thanksgiving is over, there are less than two weeks of classes left and then ... FINALS!

You are quaking in fear and remembering all of the chapters you have not read for your numerous classes and you have come to realize you will not be seeing your friends or family for a while. Chances are you are heading straight for the library.

But will that do you any good? Cram for exams?

Write a 15 page paper that has been assigned since the beginning of the semester in one night? Finally open one of those ... what do you call them? Oh, yeah, text books. Will any of this help?

Of course not, but try anyway. It is the hallmark of college students to wait until the last minute to get things done. If you try hard enough, you can convince yourself you learn just as much by going to class and studying for 8 days as you could have if you would have stayed with it all semester.

It is a good con and it worked last semester.

Of course the all-night coffee shops are making a killing on serving bottomless pots of coffee to hordes of students who will soon be descending on their premises.

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Just think, if you choose your coffee house carefully, you can run into the 15 other people in your class you don't know who haven't been to class since mid-terms and you can all study together — and keep each other awake.

This is the time of year Vivarin starts buying ad space in the *Gateway* (see page 6). Notice this ad is trying to convince you that it is possible to learn everything about the universe in one night.

Keep telling yourself, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can. I know I can, I know I can, I know I can."

Imagine what you will be like a week from now.

Your eyes will be red and puffy, your vision bleary from lack of sleep.

Someone will ask you your name and you'll have to stop and think about it.

Decent balanced meals will be replaced by bags of pretzels and huge quantities of caffeine products.

Campus Security will give you a \$20 ticket and you won't even care.

And just think, it will all happen again next semester, and the semester after that, and after that and after that ...

Public in state of denial about AIDS

World AIDS Awareness Day was Sunday. How many people noticed it? Probably a hell of a lot more than last year.

Since Magic Johnson announced he was HIV positive last month the nation's eyes have been turned towards AIDS.

Guess what? AIDS has been around for more than 10 years now, and Magic is not dead.

The reaction to the All American Hero having AIDS has been phenomenal. People have been eulogizing Johnson like he died some unjust death. He has not died, not yet at least. And the fact he has contracted HIV is not unjust.

He is paying the consequences for his actions. News flash! Unprotected sex is dangerous. Of course, if people would have been paying attention to what the Centers for Disease Control and former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop have been saying for years, none of this would have been such a shock.

Instead, the general population has been far too busy making damn sure they stay in a state of denial. "AIDS is a gay disease and

something the undesirables of our society get. It is certainly not something that could happen to me."

Well, guess what? It could happen to you.

AIDS is difficult to get. It is not in the water, it is not on a toilet seat and it is not floating around in the air. AIDS is in body fluids. You get it from exchanging body

have been famous — Rock Hudson, Liberace, Freddie Mercury. Thousands of others have not been famous. Many of them dying alone. No one to visit them. Family and friends abandoning them because of their illness.

The saddest part of it all is that, for the thousands before Magic, they lived and died knowing the vast majority of the nation didn't care, didn't listen and wouldn't learn.

Maybe somehow, the devastation the nation feels about Magic will motivate them — at least to understand.

You, yes you, can get AIDS. Please don't be stupid. Believe me, you would never again in your life risk getting AIDS if you had to stand by helplessly watching someone you care about slowly die from it.

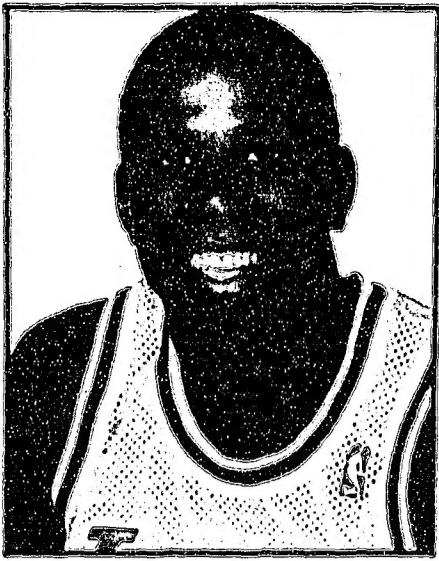
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ANOTHER VIEW AIDS

fluids with someone who is infected.

So the solution is simple. Don't exchange body fluids. Don't share needles. Don't have sex without using latex condoms, gloves or dental dams. All of these things are easily available at your local drug store and you don't need a permit to buy them.

More than 126,000 Americans have died of AIDS since 1981. Some of them



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Earvin "Magic" Johnson

AIDS awareness heightened on campuses nationwide

By Karen Neustadt

(CPS) — The nation's 13 million college students, mostly young adults savoring a newfound independence, are more likely to engage in sexual experimentation, yet still feel they're invincible to AIDS.

However, Magic Johnson's disclosure that he is infected with the HIV virus has jolted campuses throughout the country, leaving students sobered and telephones at university health centers ringing off the hooks.

Johnson, 32, considered by many as the finest basketball guard of all time, revealed he contracted the virus during a sexual liaison with a woman. He is retiring from basketball and will become an AIDS spokesman.

Throughout the country, AIDS testing sites near universities have been flooded with requests, in some cases creating a three-week to one-month waiting period. At one university, 700 people crowded into a small auditorium to listen to a young woman describe what her life was like with HIV disease.

One in every 500 students is infected with HIV disease, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American College Health Association, and there is worry among AIDS officials that risky sexual behavior will soon drive that figure upward.

An estimated 1 million to 1.5 million Americans are HIV positive. As of Sept. 30, 1991, the CDC reported 195,718 cases

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NEWS CLIPS

Session to help adults enter college

UNO will offer "A Taste of College," an information session for adults considering attending college, Dec. 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Topics to be covered at the session include getting started and what to expect; finding spe-

ing child care, career planning and financial aid. Reservations for the session are not necessary but would be appreciated. For more information, call UNO's Office of Admissions at 554-2393.

SPO to sponsor Madrigal dinner

UNO will usher in the holiday season by hosting the 16th annual Madrigal dinner Dec. 14 and 15 in the Student Center.

Activities begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 14 and 4 p.m. Dec. 15.

The 16th century English feast is presented by UNO's Student Programming Organization (SPO) with music and entertainment provided by the UNO Chamber Choir and guests.

Tickets for the dinner are \$12 for UNO students, \$14 for UNO faculty/staff and senior citizens and \$16 for the general public.

Tickets can be purchased at the Student Center box office until Dec. 12. Phone reservations are not accepted. For more information, contact SPO at 554-2623.

December Employee of the Month named

In UNO's Air Force ROTC Department, Mary Kjeldgaard is known as the computer wizard and a meticulous worker.

Because of her outstanding efforts and the many nominations submitted by her co-workers, Kjeldgaard has been named UNO's Employee of the Month for December.

"It is a pleasure coming to work every day when you have a dedicated professional like Mary working for you," wrote one nominator. "Always cheerful and helpful, Mary routinely makes the extra effort to help others both within and outside our department."

Kjeldgaard will receive a gift certificate, pin, portrait and a designated parking spot.

Book Arts Center to host open house

The Nebraska Book Arts Center will host a holiday open house Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited. The Nebraska Book Arts Center is located in the lower level of the Library.

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cliff programs for adult learners; receiving credit for prior learning; and support services includ-

Mideast students form pact

JERUSALEM (CPS) — In an effort to contribute to the Madrid peace conference, 12 European universities and six Palestinian universities in the occupied territories have signed a cooperation agreement.

The program, called the Palestinian European Academic Cooperation in Education, or PEACE, involved the exchange of students and professors beginning in September 1992. The agreement was signed Nov. 1, with a budget of \$166,000.

The six Palestinian universities involved in the exchange were closed by Israel for much of the four-year uprising against the occupation.

The European universities include three in Spain, one in Portugal, one in the Netherlands, three in Italy and four in Belgium.

Colleges need collaboration

WASHINGTON (CPS) — Community college students are often discouraged about continuing their education at bigger, four-year schools, says a recent report from the American Council on Education.

The report says junior college students may end their education after two years because they lack financial re-

sources to move to a larger college, because they become confused by bureaucratic and conflicting rules of larger schools, and because schools may not evaluate academic work in the same way.

Educators consider the community college a gateway for minority students, who make up 20 percent of their enrollment. The report said that more than 5.7 million students were enrolled in community and junior colleges in 1989 — about 43 percent of the 13 million students who attended schools of higher education.

The report, published by the council's National Center for Academic Achievement and Transfer, called for more collaboration between administrators at two- and four-year colleges.

Fast blinking shows anxiety

BOSTON (CPS) — Remember the videotaped interview with Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War?

If you watched the coverage on CNN, you probably remember the countless experts interviewed about Saddam's state of mind and well-being.

How did most of these experts finally determine his state of mind, his levels of stress?

Researchers at Boston College studied the Gulf War videotapes of Saddam Hussein and concluded blinking is linked

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to a person's emotional and psychological state.

They found frequent blinking is related to anxiety and pain, and infrequent blinking is associated with happy feelings.

Saddam Hussein blinked a lot during that interview.

All-male school opens doors

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (CPS) — It's no longer just for men. Beginning in 1995, the historically all-male Rose Hulman Institute of Technology will end a 116-year-old tradition and begin admitting women.

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Ninety percent are women

Effects of eating disorders both physical and emotional

By Christine Johnson

The term "eating disorders" refers to a distorted pattern of thought and behavior regarding food, according to Dr. James Madison, administrative director of the Eating Disorders Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Anorexia is a condition where people starve themselves to the point where they drop below 85 percent of their ideal body weight, Madison said. At the same time, anorexics believe they are overweight, even though only five percent of the population weighs what anorexics strive for, he said.

"They have a very distorted perception of their body," Madison said. "And as a consequence of losing the weight, their physical functioning begins to change in significant ways."

Bulimia is a condition where there is an alternation between episodes of bingeing and trying to compensate for the overeating by vomiting, by some other purging method, or by excessive exercise, Madison said. While most are of normal weight, they, like anorexics, view themselves as being overweight, he said.

One out of 100 people are anorexic and four out of 100 are bulimic, Madison said. For high school or college students, the rate for anorexia or bulimia is anywhere from six percent to 25 percent, he said. Some people are diagnosed with both.

These diseases are most common in developed, industrialized countries, according to Madison. They occur most frequently in whites, but are becoming prevalent in other races as well, he said. Some studies show high rates in the Native American population, he added.

Studies show there is a higher percentage for ballet dancers, models, actors and actresses, or "any job which puts emphasis on a particular body shape that can't be achieved by most people

through natural eating and weight control processes," Madison said.

These diseases can be inherited, he said. Many of the women Madison sees were raised by the first group of women who were taught to be self-conscious about their weight and taught to diet.

"If the mother has a preoccupation with weight and dieting herself, that kind of modeling, for a child, is going to tune them into those issues, as well."

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—Dr. James Madison, UNMC

Ninety percent of all cases are women. Although 10 percent of the cases are men, women are primarily affected because of cultural pressure, he said.

The death rate for anorexia is six out of 100, Madison said. The statistics on bulimia are less precise because bulimia is harder to identify and most deaths of bulimics occur as cardiac failure or suicide, he said.

For anorexia, the warning signs are physically obvious; they look emaciated. Bulimics, however, appear normal and healthy, Madison said. Some warning signs are secretiveness, excusing

themselves after meals to go to the bathroom, and a withdrawal from family and friends, he said.

They will also exhibit frequent weighing, repeated comments about being fat, an intense fear of gaining weight, a preoccupation with body shape and weight, excessive exercise, vague physical complaints, sudden mood swings and depression, he added.

Approaches used in treatment today are more effective than 20 or 30 years ago, because more is known about the diseases, Madison said.

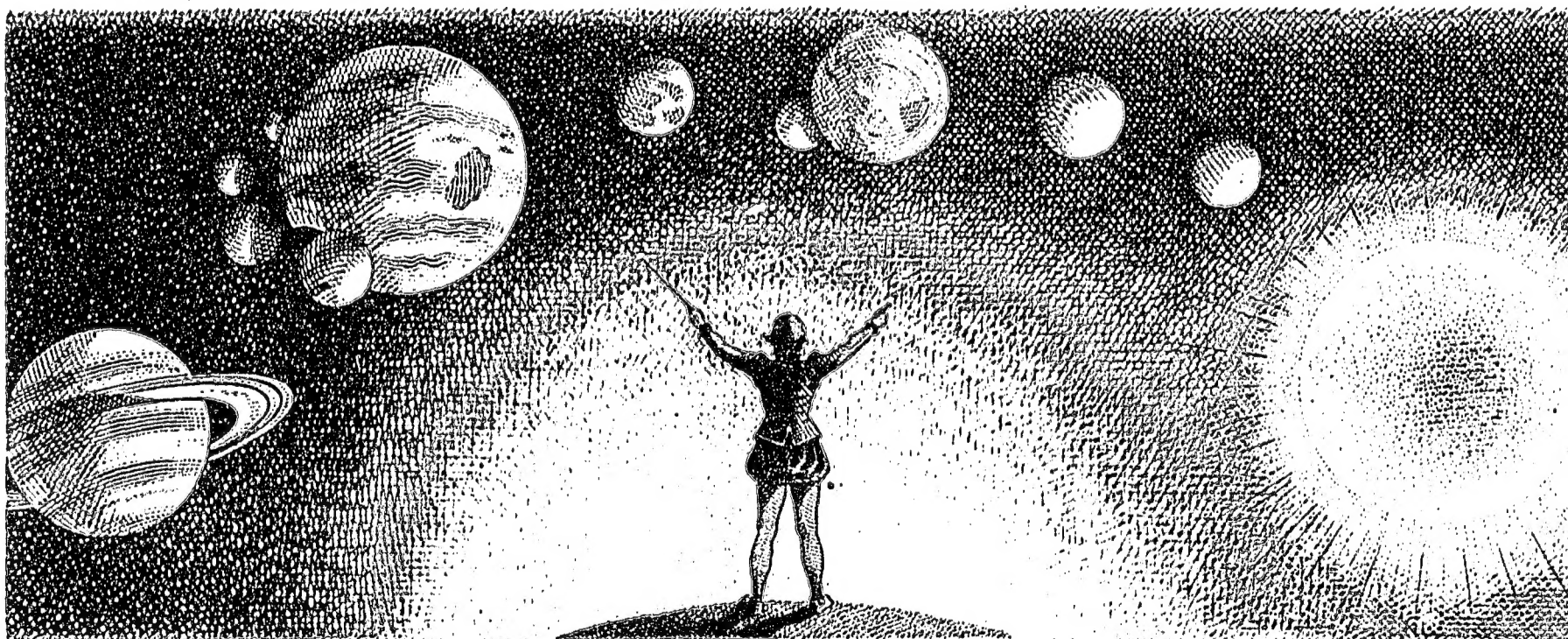
"Our particular approach requires an interdisciplinary kind of model to really deal with this, because by the time someone's developed anorexia or bulimia, there are medical, physical and nutritional needs to be considered, as well as the whole psychological aspect. If you just do one of these things, the others tend to fall through the cracks."

Drug use also plays a role in these diseases, Madison said. Although no formal studies have been done, 10 percent of the patients admit they have trouble with alcohol or drug addiction and 50 percent have family members with histories of drug or alcohol addiction, he said.

The overwhelming majority of patients began a diet with the idea they would lose a few pounds, according to Madison. Weight loss programs which emphasize extreme food restriction, rapid weight loss, and substituting unusual kinds of food substances for a regular, balanced nutritional intake are the most high-risk diets, he said.

"The whole notion of dieting in the first place, as a cosmetic rather than a medical concern, is part of what has contributed to this problem."

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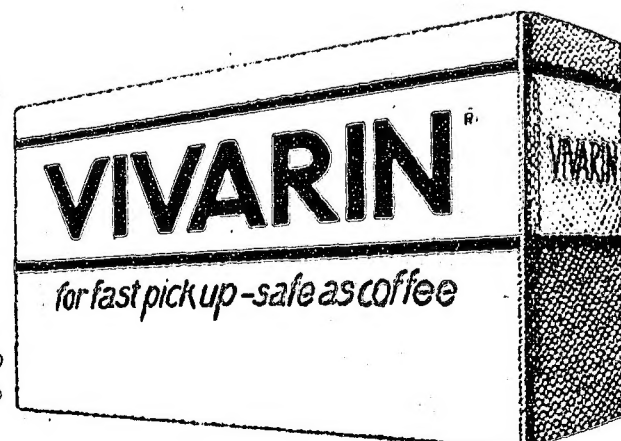
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Pulse

Americans need education about death

By B.J. Dasovic

Editor's Note: The following article contains the opinions of the author.

Death. We are bombarded daily with images of it. News at 10 brings us the story of a fifteen-year-old shot for the shoes he was wearing. Our movies are filled with shootings and stabbings.

Americans have become desensitized to violence and death to the point that we hardly blink an eye when we hear news of another crazed ex-postal worker shooting up a cafeteria and then turning the gun on himself. It registers for a moment and then is lost in the human interest story of the duck with the cute little shoes who was mutilated by some passing psychopath (probably another disgruntled ex-postal worker).

In effect, we never actually confront death in all of its terrible finality. The vast majority of people never knew the people killed at the cafeteria in Texas or at the University of Iowa.

Unfortunately, someone did know these people. They had families, friends, and loved ones who had to deal with death, and most likely were unprepared to do so.

But, you say: "Chances are that something like this will never happen to me;" "I will have faced the reality of death and will be able to accept the death of a loved one;" or "I will never have to decide if a loved one should continue to be kept alive or be allowed to die."

The problem with this thinking is we are so busy denying that it could happen to us, we fail to consider the possibility of a terminal illness or coma situation with a loved one.

We fail to consider it, that is, until we are faced with a tragedy that we find we are unprepared to deal with.

So what does one do when confronted with the terrible choice of deciding the fate of a loved one? What choices are we given and what are the legal and ethical ramifications for euthanasia? The law is very clear cut about the matter of euthanasia, said Amy Haddad, a medical ethics expert and professor of gerontology at Creighton University and UNO. A person may refuse any life-saving treatment for them if they are legally competent to make such a decision.

A classic example of this case is a Jehovah's Witness not agreeing to a blood transfusion to save his life. Most cases, however, are not so black and white.

There is usually a grey area where the law leaves off and medical and family judgement takes over. This can be a problem because euthanasia options are usually not discussed by family members prior to the illness — in other words, not until it's too late.

According to Haddad, family members often have to tear each other apart to try and discern what the ill family member's intentions might be. They have to rely on bits of old conversations to piece together what the stricken family member might want to have done for

him. And this leads to much unnecessary heartache and agony for the patient's family.

To remedy this situation, Haddad has brought up three areas that need improvement: legal, medical, and societal. The most promising gains so far have come in the legal area, with the passing of the Patient Self Determination Act. This act, which went into effect Sunday, will require all health care providers, upon admittance of a patient, to require the patient designate durable power of attorney or has a living will.

Someone that has been given durable power of attorney has the right to make a life or death decision for the patient. Presumably, the patient has consulted with the person in depth before the hospital stay and has illustrated how his wishes are to be carried out.

A living will states the patient's wishes but is not as flexible or specific as someone with a durable power of attorney could be. Some obvious problems with this act are if the patient is unconscious upon admittance or if, for some other reason, the patient had yet to discuss his intentions with loved ones. As for many problems, Haddad lists education as the key to solving this.

The medical facet of the euthanasia problem, according to Haddad, is the lack of pain management with health care providers.

She said, "this is an indictment of our health care system" that pain is driving so many people to consider euthanasia. Only a small percentage

of people that request euthanasia are actually terminal and cannot be cured by modern medicine. Haddad insists a much larger percentage of people requesting euthanasia are not terminal and that pain is their motivating factor. Pain which she says can and should be better alleviated by health care providers.

The final part of the euthanasia problem involves the qualities of the society we live in today, said Haddad. The "fast food" impatience seeps through every pore of our society. Americans want quick answers and fast solutions to all of our problems. For example, when confronted with the drawn out agony of chemotherapy treatments necessary to battle cancer, she feels Americans tend to be unequipped to endure the long, painful solution and tend to opt for the "quick out."

Unfortunately, the "quick out" is death, which is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. Americans tend to deny death rather than come to grips with it, so it is no surprise suicide is looked at as a quick solution rather than considered for what it really is.

Haddad was very clear: Euthanasia is a multi-faceted issue. People have many legal, medical and social problems to tackle when faced with the choice of euthanasia.

She said she feels strongly that education, be it through the Patient Self Determination Act, medical practitioners, or society at large in the reality of death, is the key to solving this problem.



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of AIDS in the United States and 126,159 AIDS deaths since 1981.

Current statistics on university students must not lead to a complacency, said Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, who admitted to a deep concern for the college-age population.

"Twenty percent of 200,000 AIDS cases are between ages 13 to 29, and we know that for half, it takes 10 years for symptoms to show up, so a number of them were infected as teens.

"Sadly, there tends to be a great deal of denial practiced by that age group," he said. "Generally, there seems to be a practice of what I call 'opthalmic virology,' or 'I can tell by looking at you if you have the virus.'

"We have three epidemics," Silverman said. "The first is the viral epidemic; it is greater and more silent. The second is the AIDS epidemic, which is the terminal phase of the disease, and the third is the epidemic of ignorance, bigotry, discrimination and apathy."

Others think Johnson will change things.

"I think fear is breaking through the denial. Magic Johnson makes it hard to keep denial going," said Andy Winzelberg, assistant director of health education at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

"I've noticed that students will use condoms with a new relationship, but when they fall in love, they stop using condoms. It's like they use condoms, and then tell their feelings, and then they say 'OK, I'm going to get on the pill,'" he said.

The Santa Barbara campus offers incoming freshman AIDS education, sponsors a one-week Safer Sex Fair, exhibits the famous AIDS quilt, and sponsors well-attended shows by California celebrities such as a former Berkeley professor-turned-comic who is infected with HIV disease.

Winzelberg said a student group decided the only way to get students to use condoms was to have fun with them. Several members dressed up as giant condoms for Halloween.

"We give out free condoms. We're not encouraging people to be sexual. It's a fine line, but if they are sexual, we teach them to do it safely."

Dave Rompa, the director of AIDS education and outreach

at the University of Wisconsin, thinks the CDC statistics regarding college students are too conservative.

"This number is, in reality, much larger," he said. Rompa points out that students often have a different definition of "monogamy" than older citizens.

"We think of monogamy as one person for a long time, but a student thinks in terms of one person for two weeks," Rompa said.

The University of Wisconsin boasts one of the most aggressive AIDS programs in the country. Its AIDS center is funded by the general student fund and employs two full-time workers.

In addition, the center promotes a "bathroom patrol," where members target people who are cruising for sex and offer them condoms and AIDS literature.

"These are people who are not fully out of the closet," said Rompa, who noted the center also offers a buddy system for students who are fearful of going alone to an AIDS testing site.

Wisconsin's AIDS headquarters is linked up with an already existing Madison AIDS center that offers testing and counseling and distributes material about HIV disease.

"I think it has finally hit home," said Renee Axiotis, a health educator at Kent State University who said Johnson's revelation that he contracted the disease from a woman finally captured student attention.

"I wouldn't doubt that the numbers of infected students would rise, but I don't know if health centers will see them, because they will be out of college before the symptoms show," she said.

Kent State's student health organization sponsors a sexual health fair, hosts speakers to discuss the AIDS epidemic, and promotes behind-the-scenes educational efforts such as residence hall programs.

"We are very concerned about AIDS," said Virgil Renzulli, public affairs director at New York University.

The urban university has developed a program called "Peers Ears," which is made up of resident hall advisors to assist students with HIV disease and those with questions about it.

In Orlando, students from the University of Central Florida

act as volunteers at CENTAUR, one of several AIDS resource centers. Director Frank Richards said they are learning about AIDS on the front lines.

"Students don't realize that one person could be doing sex for drugs, and that person could spread it throughout the school," said Richards, who said he is particularly concerned about female students.

"Women need to realize that they have a 14 to 15 percent greater risk of infection."

Richards also said abstinence is an ideal, but not realistic when it comes to college students.

He warns young adults that "you have sex with every single person your partner has had sex with."

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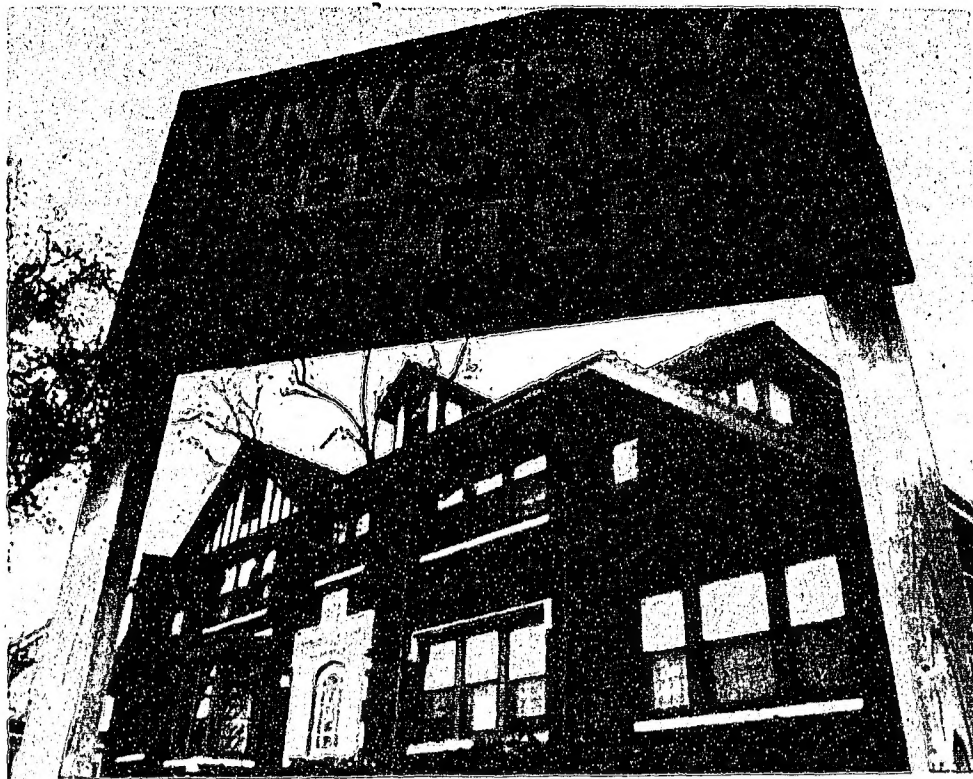
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'People are free to camp in' Shelter available at Religious Center

By Tim Rohwer

IF UNO students become stranded on campus because of inclement weather or other reasons, the University Religious Center at 101 N. Happy Hollow Blvd. can provide overnight shelter, said Rev. Darrel Berg of United Ministries for Higher Education.

"It's right across from the campus on the corner of Happy Hollow and Dodge Street, so students should be able to walk there," Berg said. "We also have a parking lot if students can drive there."

"People are free to camp in, sleep on the floor or on the available furniture. People can stay for an indefinite period and fast food can be brought in," he said.

About 20 people could be housed in the facility, Berg said. The house is owned by

members of the Catholic Campus Ministries and the Lutheran Campus Ministries and is the base of operations for UNO's campus ministry.

Two resident caretakers live in the house, he said.

During the Halloween snow storm that closed UNO activities for one day, no students went to the house for shelter, Berg said.

It was a different story during a famous blizzard 16 years ago.

"In 1975, during that blizzard, it was used then. We had a lot of traffic," Berg said.

Berg said the house has rarely been needed for overnight shelter, but said students should know about the house.

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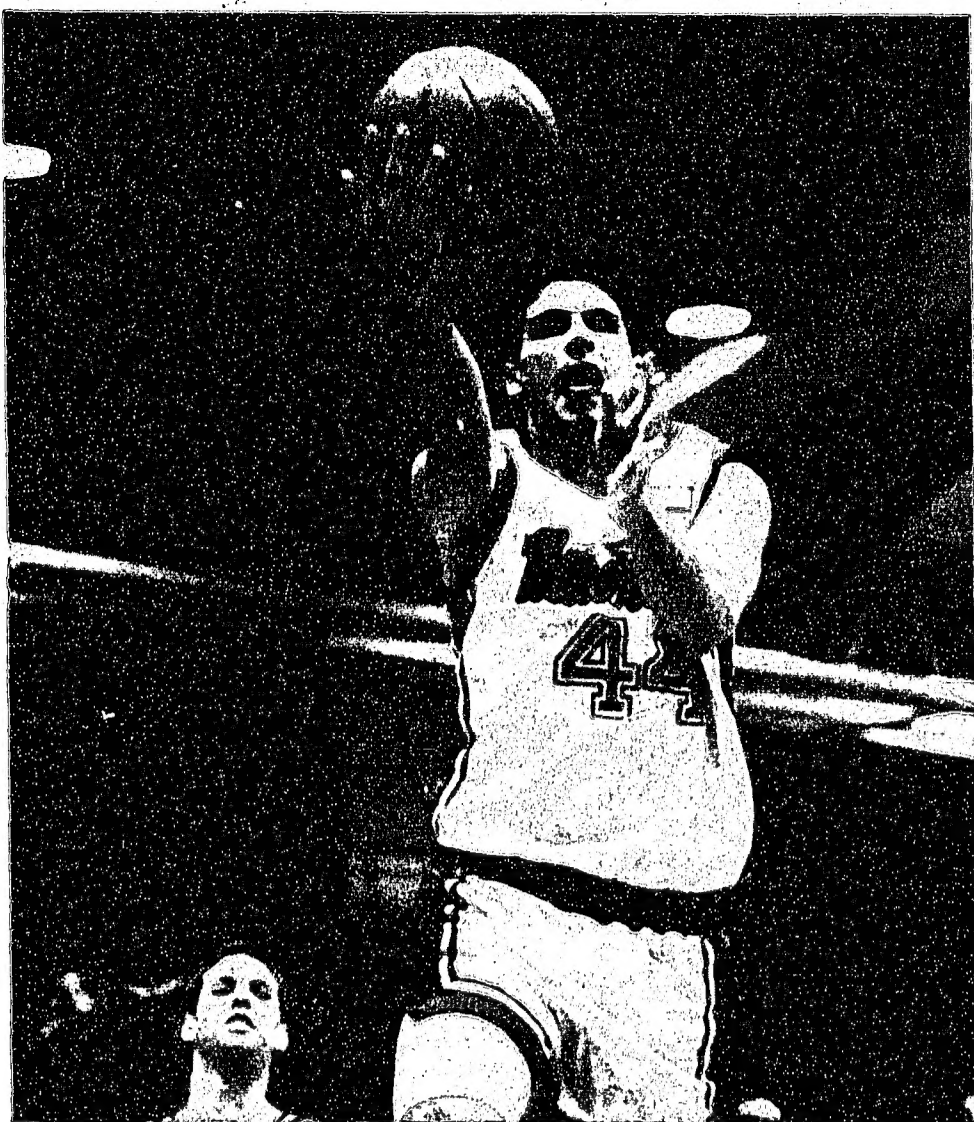
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SPORTS

Mavericks dump Doane, fall to Missouri Western

'Hyped up' Mavs win one, lose one

By Daren Schrat



Sophomore Ryan Elrod (#44) goes up for a layup against Doane last Wednesday.

—Ed Carlson

The UNO Maverick basketball season started with sizzle Wednesday against Doane and fizzled Saturday against Missouri Western.

Phil Cartwright scored 22 points and pulled down 13 rebounds as the Mavericks rolled over Doane, 99-75.

The Mavs wasted no time against the Tigers, jumping to a 30-14 lead midway in the first half. Doane Head Coach Bob Erickson did not have the privilege to watch the entire game, as he was ejected early.

"Evidently, these must be some exceptionally good referees that they can accomplish something in that short a period of time," Erickson said.

After Erickson was ejected, the Mavs started to increase their lead in leaps and bounds. At the half, the Mavs were in command 56-32.

The scoring binge continued in the second half despite a 25-point effort by Doane center Mark Wragge. With seven minutes remaining, the Mavs had a 89-56 advantage that never shrank below 24 points.

In addition to Cartwright's 22 points, Maverick forward Terry Henderson followed with 17 points and nine rebounds, while Mike Conley and Thad Mott added 12 and 11 more, respectively. Ryan Elrod, Hans Geerts and Ron Walker finished with 10 points each.

"We were hyped up for this game; let's beat them bad," Cartwright said.

Doane, entering the game with a 5-1 record, was overpowered by the Maverick's size advantage.

"They're big, and that was the key factor of the game," Erickson said.

UNO Head Coach Bob Hanson was pleased with how his team played against the Tigers. "I thought overall the kids played with good intensity," he said.

"We can do better. We need to pass the ball better and get inside more."

Hanson said the Maverick game plan was executed as expected. He said his team was aware the Tigers were capable of moving the ball.

Hanson expected Missouri Western to be a talented opponent, and he was right.

Led by Ron Kirkhom's 25-point performance and 18 more by Russell Jupiter, the Griffons nearly duplicated their 1990 walloping of the Mavs, winning 78-57.

Missouri Western's defense kept the Mavs flat-footed as they committed nine turnovers early in the game. The Mavs battled back to tie the game towards the middle of the first half, but the Griffons pulled away with a 17-5 run before half time.

"We haven't seen that kind of defense," Hanson said.

Trailing 42-35 at halftime, the Mavs were still in the game until Missouri Western again had a scoring spurt. After a 14-0 run, they started to pull away with a 59-40 lead.

"We didn't have the patience to move offensively; we had a difficult time moving inside," Hanson said.

Maverick scoring was led by Terry Henderson with 19 points, followed by 10 from Phil Cartwright.

The Mavericks will travel to face the University of Nebraska at Kearney Dec. 4.

Lady Mavs on top of the Grand Canyon

By Elizabeth Merrill

When the smoke cleared, the Lady Maverick basketball team was the lone survivor in the Grand Canyon Shootout Saturday.

UNO, led by junior Sandy Skradski, defeated Air Force Academy 81-63 Friday and Grand Canyon University 92-74 Saturday to capture the tournament in Phoenix.

Skradski scored 24 points against Air Force and topped the scoring list again on Saturday, with 29 points against Grand Canyon University.

The Lady Mavs overcame a 10-point deficit in the first half against Air Force to pull within two points by halftime.

In the second half, UNO switched to full-court pressure to take command of the game, outscoring Air Force, 46-26.

"Our kids just didn't give up," said UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg. "This team is showing that they're a second half team."

The victory evened the score for the Lady Mavs, avenging a 62-60 overtime loss last season against Air Force in California.

"We played one of the most physical games that I can remember," Mankenberg said. "It was a very physical, close game up until the last five minutes."

According to Mankenberg, Skradski had to overcome a scrappy Air Force defense that focused its attention on the inside.

"Sandy Skradski played a great game," she

said. "They really keyed in on her."

Skradski also grabbed 11 rebounds against Air Force.

Priest made just two of 12 shots from the floor, but finished with 16 points. She battled back on Saturday to score 29 points against Grand Canyon University.

"Kim turned herself around (on Saturday)," Mankenberg said. "She's showing great leadership on the floor."

"It's really showing right now how hard they worked this summer."

—Cherri Mankenberg,
UNO Coach

The game was at a 28-28 deadlock in the first half before Senior Tricia Floyd hit a three-pointer that helped the Lady Mavs pull away to a 45-38 lead at halftime. UNO never trailed again in the game.

Mankenberg said the difference in both games was the Lady Mav's ability to outlast their opponents.

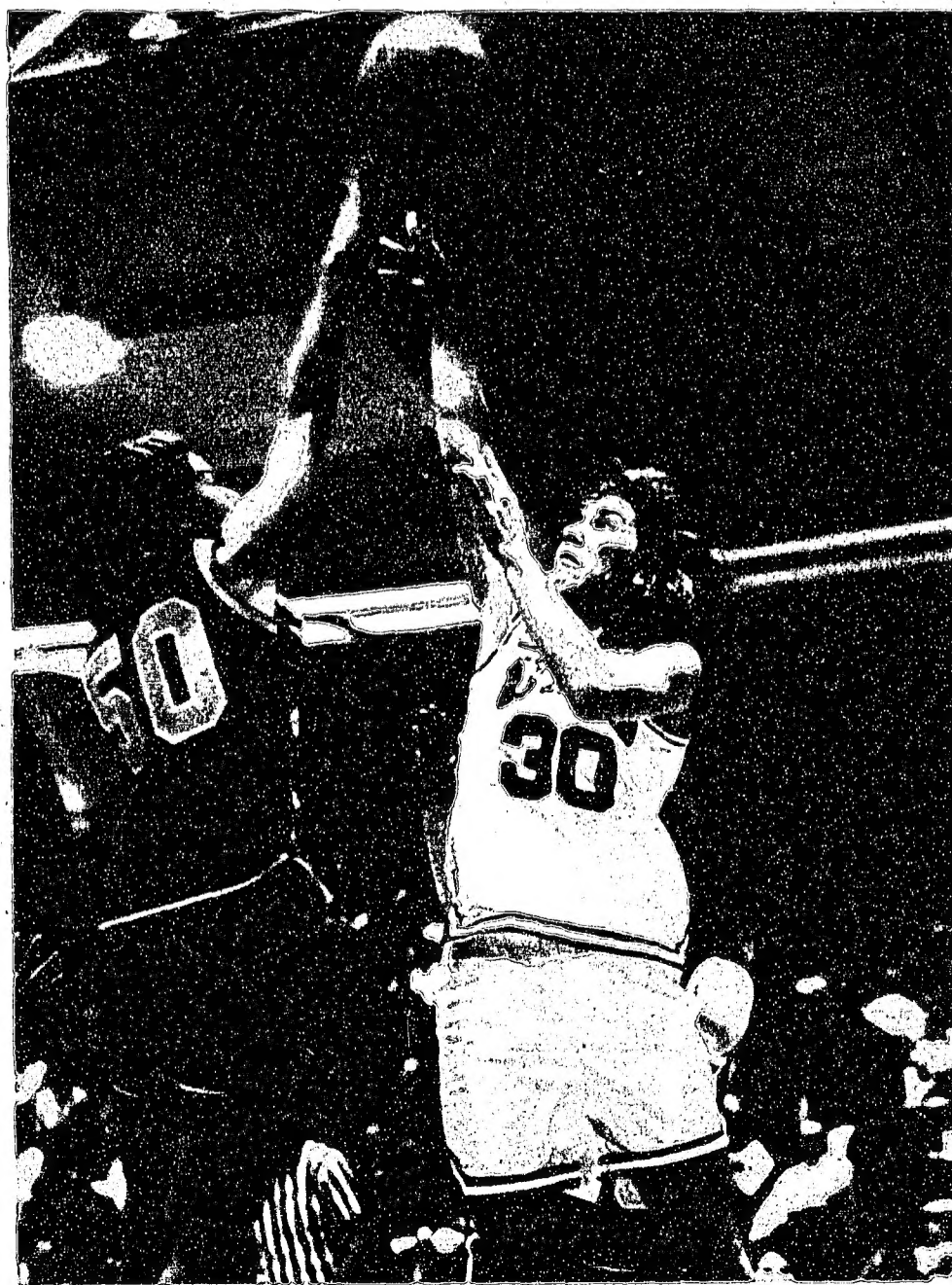
"It's really showing right now how hard they worked this summer," she said. "On Friday it was a real dogfight. It was who was going to outlast the other."

Mankenberg attributed some of the success to the off-season weight program.

The victories improved UNO's record to 4-0, heading into this weekend's home games against Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri.

According to Mankenberg, the Lady Mavs will need to overcome a height deficit against Northwest Missouri and keep up with the quickness of Missouri Western.

"They're two very different teams, and both will be a challenge for us."



Lady Mav Almee Noel (#30) shoots in heavy traffic against Nebraska Wesleyan.

—Ed Carlson

SPORTS LETTERS

Dear Sports Editor:

As I was reading Patrick Runge's "Out of Bounds" column in the Nov. 19 issue, one thought entered my mind: Runge, who I've normally enjoyed reading, didn't think before writing his column.

His column deals with the possibility of dropping college football's bowl systems, and picking up a college football playoff. "Pigskin" doesn't like the idea. I think he's wrong. He didn't evaluate the whole situation.

His first point against a playoff is the length of the season. He says that a playoff would extend the season "by at least two weeks."

Must I remind Runge that we attend an NCAA Division II school? Therefore, I would think he would be familiar with the fact that Division II, as well as Division I-AA, III, and NAIA Division I and II, have a playoff.

With this in mind, how can Runge make such a comment, knowing that if there was a playoff it would most likely follow the same schedule as the other Division playoffs? The playoffs end before major college football's bowls, so it would in fact shorten the season.

Runge goes on to say we could never determine a "definite national champion." I disagree. He states that "good teams that did not get media coverage would get shut out of a playoff system." If a playoff existed, all conference champions would be invited, as well as the top-ranked at-large teams.

That means that in a year such as this, teams such as MAC champion Bowling Green, the Big West Champion (Fresno St. or San Jose St.), and East Carolina would get in.

These are hardly nationally recognized Division I-A powers. The way East Carolina has become a touted team is by winning at Syracuse and against Pittsburgh.

In other words, a team plays good competition, wins, and gets recognition. Therefore, a deserving team only need prove themselves against quality competition.

On the other hand, in the bowl system, a team like East Carolina doesn't stand a chance at the national title (even an undefeated, unrecognized team won't get voted national champion over any recognized team with a loss or two.) In the playoff system, any of the teams invited stand a chance to shock the critics.

Runge goes on to say college football is a sport of tradition, and we shouldn't remove the bowl tradition from college football. If Runge is going to defend "second league" teams, he shouldn't mention tradition. It's tradition that screws these teams.

A good example of a team that has been screwed by the bowls is East Carolina. The Pirates are 2-0 against rated teams, and only have one (controversial) loss. On the other hand, Notre Dame has three losses and is 1-3 against rated teams.

Yet, Notre Dame is going to play in the \$3.55 million Sugar Bowl. East Carolina is going to the less prestigious \$800,000 Peach Bowl.

There's nothing traditional about the bowls anymore. That all left the day the bowls sold out their names to sponsors. The only possible tradition the bowls leave is a disputed champion.

Therefore, while I respect Runge as a journalist, I don't think he truly thought through exactly what he was saying. We DO need a college football playoff.

John Sullivan
UNO Student

Cornhuskers beat Sooners in final minutes

The long, dry road for the Nebraska Cornhuskers ended in a rainstorm.

In a cold, bitter November rain, the Cornhuskers did what conventional wisdom would have held impossible — defeat the Oklahoma Sooners in the final minutes of the game.

For those of you just returning from the Congo, allow me to refresh your memory — Nebraska 19, Oklahoma 14.

What a difference this team is from Cornhusker teams in years past. Ask any Husker fan, and he or she will be more than happy to tell you about the times Nebraska has played well in the first half, only to come out flat and lose the game in the waning moments.

"Sooner Magic," former Oklahoma head coach Barry Switzer used to call it. Husker fans called it something that we can't print.

The memories are there, like scars on a veteran's chest from the battles he has been in. The 1983 Orange Bowl, when Irving Fryar dropped the two-point conversion pass that would have given Nebraska the National Championship. The 1987 Oklahoma game, when the Sooners beat the Huskers with a furious fourth quarter drive. The 1990 Colorado game, in a miserable fall rain, when Nebraska laid down and died in the fourth quarter. The 1991 Washington game, when Nebraska blew a 21-9 lead going into the final period.

And people wonder why Nebraska fans get testy about the big game.

When this year's version of the NU-OU classic began, it looked like more of the same. Derek Brown fumbled the opening kickoff and Nebraska had to start on its own 2-yard line.

After a three-and-out, the Sooners got the ball on Nebraska's 40 and promptly put the ball in the end zone. With less than five minutes gone, Oklahoma was ahead by seven.

Nebraska came back looking like the Nebraska of old — running the option, no matter if it worked or not. The slick ball, the stiff Sooner defense and the predictable Husker offense led to a Keithen McCant fumble in Nebraska territory.

And, with almost a grinding certainty to it, Oklahoma scored again. Oklahoma 14, Nebraska 0.

After the two teams traded interceptions, Nebraska finally got within scoring distance. But on third and two from the OU 3, McCant stumbled and fell. Classic Husker football, I thought to myself as I hung my head in dejection.

But they did get a consolation field goal. OU 14, NU 3. Whoopee.

I was about ready to go home at that point. I was cold, soaked to the bone, and frustrated as hell. After all, I thought, I had seen all this before and knew what the outcome would be.

Thankfully I decided to stay for the second half. And, thankfully, the Cornhuskers decided to come out and play, as well.

Oklahoma had won the toss at the start of the game, and had deferred their option until the second half. For whatever reason, they decided to kick off.

Mistake. In what could be the most important drive for the soul of the Cornhuskers in Tom Osborne's career, Nebraska smashed 70 yards and scored on a 5-yard option run by McCant.

That got Nebraska fired up. And, perhaps more importantly, it put the crowd back in the game.

The Blackshirts came on the field and shut Oklahoma's offense down. And, once again, Nebraska drove to within point-blank range.

Fourth and goal from the Oklahoma 1, in the waning moments of the third quarter. I was cursing because the play was at the opposite end of the field and it was hard for me to see.

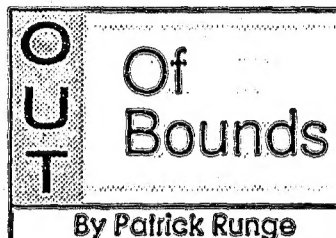
The ball was given to Brown, but an OU stunt got penetration and Brown was dropped at the 3. And Oklahoma took over.

But it was here the shocking thing occurred. Every other year, I would always watch Nebraska play in the big game and wait for The Big Mistake to take them out of it. This failed fourth down conversion sure could qualify.

But that little demon wasn't inside me that cold November Friday. I knew Nebraska would come back. I knew.

Nebraska got the ball back and began driving again. The drama heightened when the Huskers were faced with a third and

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Largen makes all-star team



—File photo

Pam Largen

Senior Pam Largen, who led the Lady Mavericks to a 19-17 season, has been selected to the All North Central Conference Volleyball Team.

She holds the UNO set assist record with 3,984, surpassing the old record by 641 assists. Largen also led the team with a .314 hitting percentage.

She has a .207 career hitting percentage, and has racked up 572 kill spikes, 222 service aces, 291 blocks, and 1,046 digs saves in her four-year career at UNO.

This season, Largen earned All-tournament honors four times.

She was named most valuable player at the UNO Tournament in September when she col-

lected 60 set assists in the Lady Mav's championship victory over Morningside.

She was named NCC player of the week Sept. 30.

She was a 1990 NCC All-Academic selection and also received an All-conference honorable mention last season.

The co-captain has the honor of being the only Lady Maverick to be selected to the 1991 NCC team.

Largen, from Creighton, Neb., has a 3.92 GPA, majoring in math and pre-medicine.

Sophomore Larua Kelly was named to the GTE Academic All District Second team.

The middle blocker from Omaha Duschene carries a 4.0 GPA in pre-physical therapy.

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